



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Robert Hayden, Chairman  
Little Compton Taxpayers Association  
P.O. Box 455  
Adamsville, RI 02801

RE: MUR 6436

Dear Mr. Hayden:

On December 2, 2010, the Federal Election Commission notified Little Compton Taxpayers Association ("Little Compton"), of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act"). On December 13, 2011 based upon the information contained in the complaint, and information provided by you, the Commission decided to dismiss the complaint and close its file in this matter.

The Commission encourages Little Compton to review the General Counsel's Report, which sets forth the statutory and regulatory provisions considered by the Commission in this matter. A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your client's information and future reference. If Little Compton chooses to make expenditures in the future that constitute "independent expenditures," defined as "expenditures for a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate that is not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party or its agents," 11 CFR § 100.16(n), the Commission recommends that Little Compton become familiar with the Commission's requirements concerning independent expenditures, including the reporting requirements. In pertinent part, 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.16(a) and 109.10(b) state that groups of persons, among others, must file a report with the Commission on FEC Form 5 at the end of the first reporting period in which independent expenditures with respect to a given election aggregate more than \$250 in a calendar year, and in any succeeding period during the same year in which additional independent expenditures of any amount are made. Other Commission regulations pertaining to independent expenditures, including disclaimer requirements, may be found in an informational brochure entitled "Coordinated Contributions and Independent Expenditures," available at on the Commission's website at [http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/ie\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/ie_brochure.pdf).

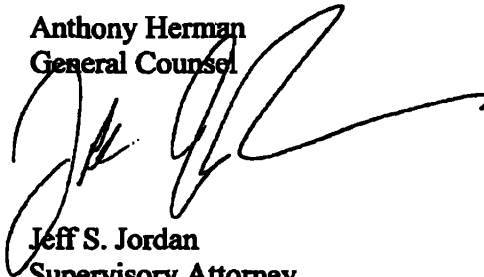
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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Frankie D. Hampton, the paralegal assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Anthony Herman  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff S. Jordan', is written over the typed name and title.

BY: Jeff S. Jordan  
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Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report

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